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SHORTFALL IN ACHIEVEMENT BY SEMI CONDUCTOR COMPLEX LTD.
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortfall in the achievement of targets by Semi-Conductor Complex Ltd. (SCL) during the last 2 years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the actual sale turnover of SCL during the last two years vis-Ã -vis the targets fixed; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Semiconductor Complex Ltd., (SCL) has not been able to achieve the targets for the last two years primarily for reasons such as

(i) non-materialization of certain orders;

(ii) reduced sales in certain products due to lesser demand;

(iii) delay in developmental efforts in some of the products;

(iv) infrastructural limitations;

(v) price competition from overseas companies and

(vi) fragmented domestic market.

(c) Sales Turnover:

(Rupees in crores)

Year	Target	Actual
2003-04	84.10	56.20
2004-05	70.50	31.56

(d) After considering all dimensions of the problems confronting SCL, it was decided that SCL should be transferred from the administrative control of the Department of Information Technology (DIT) to the Department of Space (DOS) on `as is where is` basis and formed into a R&D Society/Department Unit, as deemed appropriate. Government has approved formation of the Society and a new Society, Semi Conductor Laboratory was registered on 08.11.2005. Presently, the objective of the Department of Space is to augment SCL to serve the national requirements.